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DEPARTMENT PASS GENEVA FOR WISNER

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: RAMPHAL REPORT ON NATIONALIST
STRIFE

COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL RAMPHAL CALLED
EMBASSY OFFICER EVENING OF NOVEMBER 25 TO REPORT HIS
UNDERSTANDING THAT NKOMO IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE
NEW BRITISH FORMULA ON AN INDEPENDENCE DATE BUT THAT
MUGABE IS FACING A REBELLION WITHIN ZANU RANKS. HE
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SAID THE FOUR OBSERVERS HAVE STRONGLY URGED MUGABE TO

ACCEPT THE BRITISH POSITION AND THAT FOREIGN MINISTER
CHISSANO, BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM GENEVA, ALSO
ADVISED AGREEMENT. RAMPHAL SAID THAT SOME OF MUGABE'S
COLLEAGUES ARE INSISTING THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAS
A MANDATE FROM THE GUERRILLAS ONLY TO SETTLE FOR A
TWELVE MONTH INTERIM PERIOD, AND RATHER THAN ACCEPTING
THE BRITISH COMPROMISE, THE CONFERENCE SHOULD ADJOURN
FOR TWO OR THREE WEEKS OF CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ZIPA
"HIGH COMMAND." RAMPHAL SAID HE AND ANYOKU ARE EXERTING
ALL PRESSURE TO RESOLVE FINALLY THE DATE ISSUE AND KEEP
THE TALKS GOING.

ARMSTRONG.
UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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